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SUBJECT: JUNE 2008 SECURITY COUNCIL THEMATIC DEBATE --
INVITATION LETTERS TO THE AUSTRIAN AND LIBERIAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO DELIVER REMARKS

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¶1. For Embassies Vienna and Monrovia:

Please deliver the following letters to Foreign Minister Plassnik of Austria and Foreign Minister King-Akerelle of Liberia. No signed originals will be forthcoming. Reftel gives details about the June 19 Security Council thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations, which the Secretary will chair.

¶2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO FM PLASSNIK:

Dear Madam Minister:

You may know that I have invited the foreign ministers of the Security Council to a June 19 Security Council public thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. I am pleased to be chairing that meeting, as the Women Leaders Working Group has always placed a high priority on addressing issues related to women, peace, and security. I hope that the June 19 Security Council debate will provide additional insights on how to address the problem of sexual violence in situations of armed conflict.

Given your role as co-chair of the Women Leaders Working Group, I would be very pleased if you would consider attending the June 19 event and delivering remarks. Your thoughts on issues relating to women and conflict situations would contribute greatly to the discussion.

Sincerely,
Condoleezza Rice

End text.

¶3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO FM KING-AKERELE:

Dear Madam Minister:

You may know that I have invited the foreign ministers of the Security Council to a June 19 Security Council public thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. I am pleased to be chairing that meeting, as the Women Leaders Working Group has always placed a high priority on addressing issues related to women, peace, and security. I hope that the June 19 Security Council debate will provide additional insights on how to address the problem of sexual violence in situations of armed conflict.

I would be very pleased if you would consider attending the June 19 event and delivering remarks. In light of your country's laudable efforts to grapple with the problem of sexual violence within its borders, your thoughts on issues related to women and conflict situations would contribute

greatly to the discussion.

Sincerely,
Condoleezza Rice

End text.
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